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## LET US SEE ABOUT IT.

Tomorrow is the day set apart by our "all powerful" judge—not by authority of statute law but by a notion—for factions to meet in a combat the result of which will affect all of us materially. For that reason if for no others, we should consider the question to be decided most seriously, as it involves our welfare and prosperity. Bearing that in mind, let us examine the result of making Ketchikan dry.

In the first place, it is conservatively estimated that it will require at least \$27,000 to defray the most necessary expenses of the municipality for the ensuing year. Our revenue from taxation by authority of law will reach approximately the munificent sum of \$15,000. This coming year the amount of money necessary to maintain the school and construction of additional accommodation was conservatively estimated by the school board at \$17,000. The fire department, including the purchase of an automobile which has already been ordered, will take another \$2,000; the police department, \$2,500; light and water, \$2,800; library, municipal magistrate and clerk, \$1,200; street commissioner, \$1,200; making a total of \$26,700. Aside from that we have the enormous expense to maintain our streets. The latter item of expense can no more be neglected than the school. As a matter of fact, none of the above enumerated items of expense can be dispensed with. Should we make the city dry, where is the revenue coming from to defray the expenses? Surely not from the man who has no property that can be taxed. Paradoxical as it may seem, that man is the very one who will work the hardest to make the town dry. With us it is a business proposition and we candidly believe that it is high time for the business men of Ketchikan to demand that those who are for prohibition "show them" clearly how this shortage is to be made up. It is not a matter of sentiment—or rather should not be, but a matter of business. And, the business man who depreciates the possibility of such a reduction in revenues is not a really-good business man; he only thinks he is.

If the revenue from the saloons was derived from our residents; that is to say, if the residents of Ketchikan were contributors to the saloons' prosperity, it would be another matter; but the fact is well known that the money spent by our citizens in the saloons could not possibly be sufficient to keep up the running expense of

one single saloon. Their revenue comes from outsiders, such as travelers on boats. It can be truthfully said that the saloons are kept up by transients and the city derives the benefit. Then why should we add more burden to the so-called legitimate business, just to satisfy a few reformers whose propensity to evade taxation is unlimited?—apparently so.

## WHAT ABOUT THE 4TH?

Is not the time here to take up the celebration of the Fourth of July? It beats all how negligent we are becoming. Just think, only a few days, so to speak, of the DAY of DAYS and yet we have done nothing to prepare for the occasion. This year we should be particularly interested in planning elaborate arrangements. Arrangement for a celebration of the day should be made to last several days. The tourist season will be on and the chances are that several boats will come in during the celebration. For that reason it should be made doubly attractive. Plenty of various games should be provided, streets fixed and decorated. Music and every kind ready to receive all the visitors during the festivity. Can we not get together for the purpose of making this coming Fourth of July celebration the best ever? Let us try and see what we can do.

Elsewhere in this issue, appears Mayor Heneghan's request to the voters to come out tomorrow and vote that the question of "wet" or "dry" may be settled at once. The request is timely and should be heeded. All those who have registered should vote and thus spare the necessity to illegally allow the liquor to be sold without a license until another investigation is had. Owing to the voters' lack of interest, last year the saloons were permitted—contrary to law—to sell for several weeks without a license. Our code says specifically that no liquor shall be sold without a license. Yet it was done through our own fault.

The Presbyterians again have refused to admit women to the pulpit, alleging that to do so would disturb in some fashion the piety of that very excellent denomination. As one looks back over the financial history of the churches, with the struggling aid societies, the bazaars, and entertainments, but most of all at the sacrifices of good women in hot kitchens cooking for church dinners mountains of piety, one is dragged face to face with the question: "Who was it, anyway, that put the pie in piety?" Yes, who?—(Tacoma News.)

Quit! Under the destructive La Follette Seaman's Act, sailors can quit a vessel at the last minute before it leaves the dock. Recently a strike was declared just after a steamship had left the wharf in New York harbor. The vessel was obliged to lay at anchor in the bay to the great annoyance of the passengers. Suppose a steamship line, or a railroad, just before its departure should suddenly declare that it had decided to abandon its trip and ask the passengers to retire. Suppose the Steel Corporation, or any other great industry should, without a moment's warning, post a notice that its doors were closed, its employees discharged, and that no orders would be filled. What an outburst of indignation we would have, what a demand in Congress for an immediate investigation and for the punishment of those who put the public to unnecessary inconvenience. There are two sides to every question.—(Leslie's Weekly.)

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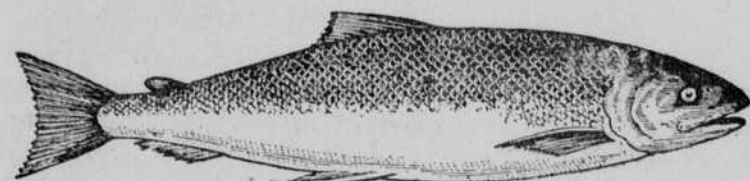
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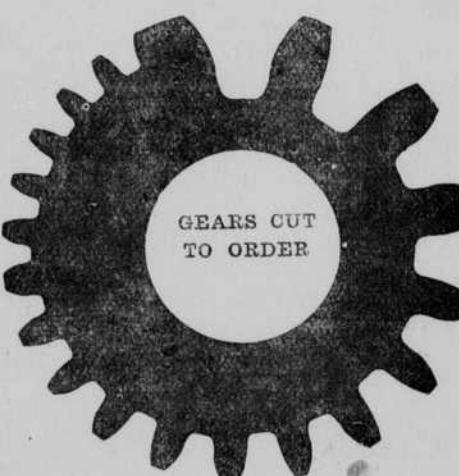
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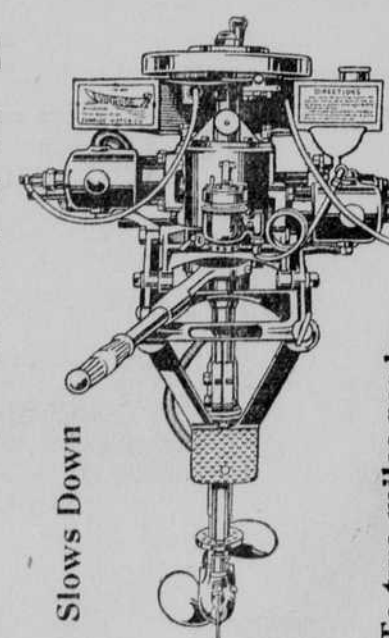
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